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1. POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, I: AZORES MEETING WAS APPROVED PERSONALLY BY APPROPRIATE GOP CABINET MEMBER OF 3RD PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (VICTOR ALVES) AND RECEIVED CONTINUED GOP ENDORSEMENT UNDER 4TH: CURRENT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS DONE NOTHING TO INDICATE WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT. ON CONTRARY, REQUISITE BUREAU-CRATIC FOLLOW-THROUGH HAS BEEN ADEQUATE AND CONSISTENT. MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF CONTINUING FOLLOW-THROUGH IS PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PLANE WHICH WILL BE PUT AT DELEGATES' DISPOSAL FOR POST-CONFERENCE TOUR OF GEOTHERMAL SITES ON OTHER AZOREAN ISLANDS (PARA. 4, REF B). REQUEST FOR PLANE BY SECRETARIAT ORGANIZERS WAS APPROVED BY GENERAL PINTO MAGALHAES, MILITARY GOVERNOR OF AZORES. IN VIEW GOP'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR U.S. TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT. PRE-CIPITATE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. SUPPORT COULD BE MISINTERPRETED, GIVEN PRESENT CLIMATE. AS EFFORT TO EMBARRASS GONCALVES GOVERN-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT BY TORPEDOING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WHICH PORTUGAL HAS

## ASSUMED KEY ROLE.

- 2. POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, II: WHILE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING CONFERENCE GOING WAS CLEARLY GOP'S, RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING INITIATIVE HAS LAIN WITH AZOREANS. EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE SEPARATISTS ATTACH TO SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT, AT MINIMUM, THEY ARE WELL INFORMED AND HAVE NATURAL INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME (REF C).
- 3. SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS: IN VIEW PARA. TWO, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE AZOREAN SEPARATISTS WILL ATTEMPT INTERFERE WITH CONFERENCE OR POSE THREAT TO SECURITY OF DELEGATES ATTENDING IT. IN RECENT CONVERSATION SECRETARIAT MEMBER VICTOR FORJAZ REASSURED EMBOFF THAT HE WAS "CERTAIN" NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN IN AZORES BEFORE OR DURING CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH IT. FORJAZ ADDED HE WAS CERTAIN "SOMETHING" WOULD HAPPEN AFTER. FORJAZ EMPHASIZED POINT BY ADDING, "REMEMBER, I AM AN AZOREAN."

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